Difference in Production Rate of Irrigated and Non-Irrigated Land

†4315. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a difference in the rate of production on irrigated and non-irrigated land in the country;

(b) if so, the average rate of production on the irrigated land; and

(c) the assessemnt regarding the average rate of production on the non-irrigated land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c) The Government does not maintain statistics at all-India level regarding average rate of production of different crops in irrigated and unirrigated land separately.

Bringing Agro-Products under Protected Categories

4316. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have brought certain agricultural products under the protected categories, in order to protect the farmers' interests in the wake of enforcement of WTO agreement conditionalities;

(b) if so, the names of such products; and

(c) the other details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) There is no concept of 'protected category' under the WTO Agreement on Agriculture. However, the Government is closely monitoring the imports of agricultural commodities and when the situation warrants, takes WTO compatible measures to safeguard the interests of farmers. These measures include suitable calibration of the applied rates within the bound rates and initiation of trade remedial measures such as anti-dumping action, imposition of countervailing action or safeguard action under specific circumstances provided under the Agreement. Sensitive items which

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